

# United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

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No. 25-1658

IN RE: US DEPARTMENT OF STATE; US DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY; TODD LYONS, in their official capacity as Acting Director of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement; MARCO RUBIO, in their official capacity as Secretary of State; KRISTI NOEM, in their official capacity as Secretary of Homeland Security; DONALD J. TRUMP, in their official capacity as President of the United States; UNITED STATES,

Defendants - Petitioners.

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Before

Rikelman, Kayatta, and Aframe,  
Circuit Judges.

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## JUDGMENT

Entered: July 18, 2025

Petitioners' Motion for Leave to File Reply in Support of Petition for a Writ of Mandamus is allowed. Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File Sur-reply in Support of Answer to Petition for Writ of Mandamus is allowed.

Petitioners have filed a petition for writ of mandamus seeking an order from this court addressing certain evidentiary privilege rulings in the district court. The writ of mandamus is an exceptional remedy, one which the court should only grant in the exercise of its sound discretion. In re Cargill, Inc., 66 F.3d 1256, 1260 (1st Cir. 1995). In the present case, petitioners have not carried their burden of demonstrating "a clear entitlement to the relief requested." In re JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., 799 F.3d 36, 38 (1st Cir. 2015).

Accordingly, the petition is denied. The stay previously issued by the court is vacated.

By the Court:

Anastasia Dubrovsky, Clerk

cc:

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